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*SUB D2*

1. (Amended) A method of making a composite panel (100) of sandwich structure and provided with a hinge (106), said panel comprising a stack made up of at least one first skin (101) made of a reinforced thermoplastics material, of a cellular core (102) made up of a thermoplastic material, and of a second skin (103) made up of a thermoplastics material, in which method said panel (100) is formed by pressing said stack at a high pressure lying in the range  $10 \times 10^5$  Pa to  $30 \times 10^5$  Pa, the first and second skins (101, 103) being preheated to a softening temperature, said method being characterized in that, after said panel has been formed, forming a hinge (106) between two portions (107, 108) of a panel 100 at a predetermined place in said panel by cutting only a narrow incision through one (101) of the first and second skins (101, 103), and substantially through the entire thickness of the cellular core, while leaving the other skin (103) intact.

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*SUB D6*

15. (Thrice Amended) A panel (100) of sandwich-type composite structure and comprising a stack made up of at least a first skin (101) made of a reinforced thermoplastic material, of a cellular core (102) made of a thermoplastics material, and of a second skin (103) made of a reinforced thermoplastics material, the panel being provided with at least one hinge, in which said panel (100) is formed by pressing said stack at a high pressure lying in the range  $10 \times 10^5$  Pa to  $30 \times 10^5$  Pa, the first and second skins (101, 103) being preheated to a softening temperature, said method being characterized in that, after said panel has been formed, forming a hinge (106) between two portions (107, 108) of a panel 100 at a predetermined place in said panel by cutting only a narrow incision through one (101) of the first and second skins (101, 103), and substantially through the entire thickness of the cellular core, while leaving the other skin (103) intact.